

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 04405 200111Z

45

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 NSC-10 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03

NEA-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 TRSE-00 MBFR-04

SAJ-01 ACDA-19 OMB-01 EB-11 RSR-01 /123 W

----- 010625

R 191930Z SEP 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1645

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO USLOSACLANT

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

AMEBAMEMBASSY OTTAWA

S E C R E T USNATO 4405

E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/81

TAGS: MCAF, CA, NATO

SUBJECT: DPC MEETING SEPTEMBER 19: CANADIAN DEFENSE DECISIONS

REF: USNATO 4362

1. AT DPC ON SEPTEMBER 19 CANADA AGREED TO HOLD OFF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DEFENSE DECISIONS UNTIL DPC RECEIVED A MORE COMPLETE MC ASSESSMENT OF CANADIAN PROPOSALS, PROVIDED NEW ASSESSMENT IS IN HANDS OF DPC WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS. MC REP (MAJOR GENERAL GARDNER) AGREED THAT MC WOULD ADDRESS CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON AN URGENT BASIS.

2. AMBASSADOR MENZIES SAID CANADA WAS ANXIOUS TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON NEW DEFENSE PLANS AND THAT REPORTS WERE ALREADY BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN CANADIAN PRESS. HE WONDERED WHY CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR MUCH SMALLER CANADIAN REDUCTION WOULD TAKE LONGER NATO CONSIDERATION THAN DID REDUCTION OF SOME 20 US DESTROYERS. IN PREPARED STATEMENT MENZIES SAID IN CANADIAN VIEW ITS FORCE REDUCTIONS WERE MINOR AND INCREASED AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOCATED FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT
SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 04405 200111Z

WOULD IMPROVE CANADA'S DEFENSE POSTURE. HE ADDED THAT IF NEW DEFENSE FINANCING PROGRAM WAS FRUSTRATED BY INFLATION, THAT IT WAS REASONABLE TO ASSUME A NEW FORMULA WOULD BE DEvised TO INSURE ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR EQUIPMENT.

3. DPC SUMMARIZED BASIC ISSUES OF CANADIAN PROPOSALS
REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED (BEFORE FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY
DPC) AS FOLLOWS:

A. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONFLICTING SACLANT (FAIRLY
OPTIMISTIC) AND MC (MUCH LESS OPTIMISTIC) ASSESSMENTS
(MCM-58-73) (POUCHED), INCLUDING SIGNIFICANCE OF REDUCTIONS
OF 4 CATEGORY C DESTROYERS AND MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT ASW
CAPABILITY; AND

B. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN REAL TERMS OF PLANNED INCREASED
CANADIAN DEFENSE SPENDING.
RUMSFELD

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO04405
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS 12/31/81
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730962/abqceccv.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: USNATO 4362
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21-Aug-2001 by elyme>; APPROVED <24-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DPC MEETING SEPTEMBER 19: CANADIAN DEFENSE DECISIONS
TAGS: MCAP, CA, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO USLOSACLANT
USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR
AMEBAMEMBASSY OTTAWA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

